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PERSONAL INFORMATION

Birth Date: July 27, 1969 in Fort Worth, TX

Married to Amy Edwards on August 29, 1992

Children: Timothy Grant (July 27, 1995), Jonathan David (October 10, 1997), Mindi Allison (April 15, 1999)

Licensed by the First Baptist Church of Euless, TX (June 1988)

Ordained by the First Baptist Church of Euless, TX (November 1991)

Interests: Going on dates with Amy; encouraging my children in their musical activities, spending time with family and friends; reading; and cheering on my favorite sports teams

EDUCATION

SOUTHWESTERN BAPTIST THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY, Fort Worth, TX

Doctor of Ministry (Missions and Evangelism with a Concentration in Church Growth)

Project title - "The Preparation of Church Leaders to Equip Their Congregations for Ministry to Multiethnic Communities"

NEW ORLEANS BAPTIST THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY, New Orleans, LA (1995)

Master of Divinity (Evangelism)

Recipient - C. C. Randall Award for Evangelism (1995)

THE CRISWELL COLLEGE, Dallas, TX (1991)

Bachelor of Arts (Biblical Studies)

PERSONAL AND MINISTRY VALUES

- Real Love – Exhibiting the love of Christ toward others (1 Cor. 13).
- Grace-Filled Relationships – Extending God's grace to others while gratefully living in it (Eph. 5:18-21).
- Life-Transforming Teaching – Exposing God's Word in a way that is "profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness" (2 Tim. 3:16).
- Disciple-Making – Practicing the biblical method of multiplication (Matt. 28:18-20). *Faith Trainer Workbook: Helping People Follow Jesus* (www.faithtrainer.com) is a free resource that I have written to help believers become disciple-makers.
- Equipping – Preparing God's people "for the work of ministry" (Eph. 4:12)
- Servant Leadership – Following the model of Jesus in being an "example to the flock" (1 Pet. 5:3).
- Missional Living – Carrying the mission of God into every sphere of life (2 Cor. 5:18-20).

PASTORAL EXPERIENCES

Senior Pastor, Woodland Acres Baptist Church (2006-2012)

- Strategic Planning – Discovering and casting a comprehensive vision for ministry (“Believe, Belong, Bless”).
- Worship – Transitioning the style of music in worship from strictly classical to blended • Starting a contemporary service.
- Disciple-Making – Helping people lead their loved ones to follow Christ by implementing the “Faith Trainer Workbook.”
- Assimilation – Creating an assimilation process that involves church members • Baptizing 18 people in 2009, 24 in 2010, and 28 in 2011.
- Family Strengthening – Directly assisting five couples in saving and strengthening their troubled marriages.
- Leader Development – Proposing a new ministry structure that widens the leadership base, defines how to move up a “ministry ladder,” and places a high value on trust and growth.
- Stewardship – Instituting new ways for people to support the church financially • Streamlining the cost of doing ministry while increasing effectiveness.

Pastor, First Baptist Church, Mt. Healthy, OH (2000-2006)

- Strategic Planning – Directing the church in its successful completion of a five-year plan, including the elimination of building debt.
- Evangelism – Beginning a Paintball Ministry • Leading the church to share its facilities with a Hispanic congregation • Instituting a new outreach program that included servant evangelism, block parties, and other missions opportunities • Establishing an AWANA program.
- Assimilation – Baptizing over 75 people in a five-year period.
- Spiritual Growth – Guiding the church through the “40 Days of Purpose” campaign.

Other Pastoral Experiences

- Pastor, Millbrook Baptist Church, Lancaster, Texas (1996-1999)
- Pastor, Northside Baptist Church, DeQuincy, LA (1995-1996)
- Pastoral Intern, Celebration Church, Metairie, LA (1994)
- Various other ministerial experiences (1988-1994)

References and sermons available upon request.